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REDUCED ENERGY BINDER FOR ENERGETIC COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR APPLICATION FILED

UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this continuing application on the merits, it is requested that this paper be entered.

It is also assumed that applicant's previous amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116 dated January 11, 2000, has been, or will be, entered and made of record. The Advisory Action dated January 18, 2000, in response to that paper does not indicate whether the paper was entered.

Kindly enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the existing claims under consideration in the parent application, including claims 9-19 and 22-37, without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter therein and substitute the following new slate containing claims 38-64.